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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ZUKER et al.

Application No.: 09/492,029

Filed: January 26, 2000

For: ASSAYS FOR SENSORY MODULATORS USING A SENSORY CELL SPECIFIC G-PROTEIN BETA **SUBUNIT** 

Examiner:

Manjunath Rao, Ph.D.

Art Unit:

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following supplemental amendments. Applicants note that a response to the Office Action and three month extension of time were filed on April 1, 2002.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 21-29 as follows

21. (new) The method of claim 20 wherein the G-protein polypeptide has greater than 70% amino acid sequence identity to a polypeptide having the sequence contained in SEQ ID NO:3. 04/19/2002 GGEBREGI 00000011 201430 09492029

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